

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION METHODS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EXECUTING AGENCY: Confederação de Associações Comerciais do Brasil
[Brazilian Federation of Trade Associations] (CACB)

BENEFICIARIES: The Brazilian Federation of Trade Associations (CACB), the National Council for Mediation and Arbitration Boards (CONIMA), the arbitration and mediation centers (CAMs) operating in Brazil, and the business community

OBJECTIVES: The overall objective of the project is to strengthen and consolidate Brazil's alternative methods for commercial dispute resolution at both the national and the regional levels, thereby improving the efficiency of Brazil's dispute resolution mechanisms and reducing the backlog in the court system. Its specific objectives are to: (a) strengthen participating CAMs by consolidating their technical and institutional organization so that they are able to provide their services with greater efficiency and effectiveness; (b) train arbitrators, mediators and operations personnel of participating CAMs, providing them with the technical and administrative skills required by their institutions; and (c) publicize the importance and benefits of alternative dispute resolution methods in order to ensure the gradual adoption of these mechanisms by the private sector.

FINANCING:

Terms and conditions:	Grant:
CACB:	US\$1,051,080
CAMs:	US\$ 689,880
MIF C Window I:	US\$1,599,400
Total:	US\$3,340,360

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE:

Execution period:	48 months
Disbursement period:	54 months

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: The first disbursement under the program is conditional upon the executing agency's submission to the Bank of: (a) proof that the project execution unit has been duly constituted and its members appointed; (b) an annual work plan for the first year of the project, with breakdown by component; (c) proof that the Coordination and Oversight Committee (CCC) has been duly established; and (d) evidence that the operating regulations governing the duties and obligations of all participants in the program have been drawn up and have entered into force (paragraph 3.20).